

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-3, 5-6 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) for obviousness over Bruhn.

The Examiner has objected to claims 4 and 7 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1

Amended claim 1 is a combination of claims 1 and 4 substantially in accordance with the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance regarding claim 4.

Claims 2 and 3

Dependent claims 2 and 3 are patentable not least on the basis that they each depend on an allowable independent amended claim 1.

Claim 4

Claim 4 is canceled.

Claim 5

Amended claim 5 is a combination of claims 5 and 7 in accordance with the Examiner's indication as to allowable subject matter. A relatively minor clarification of wording has been made to its line 6.

Claim 6

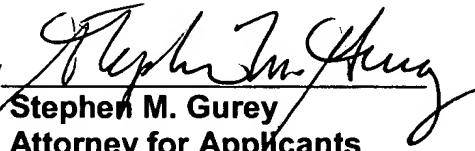
Dependent claim 6 is patentable not least on the basis that it depends on an allowable independent amended claim 5.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, allowance of all the claims presently in the application is respectfully requested, as is passage to issuance of the application. If the Examiner should feel that the application is not yet in a condition for allowance and that a telephone interview would be useful, he is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at **973 386 8252**.

Respectfully submitted,

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